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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Re: WT Docket No. 09-119

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:


The Commission currently has pending before it applications seeking approval for the divestiture of certain wireless properties by Verizon as ordered by the full FCC in its November 2008 decision. The sale of these properties raises a number of very important public interest issues and petitions have been filed against these applications that must be carefully considered by the FCC. The FCC's very important review of these applications is independent of and subject to different standards than any DOJ review. There cannot, and should not, be any rush to judgment, as these applications may represent some of the last significant divestitures of wireless properties in this country.

Accordingly, we ask that these applications be carefully reviewed by the full Commission and be considered only after a full and fair record has been developed. Furthermore, we believe that these matters warrant a public hearing so that the public may have an opportunity to be fully heard on the subject.

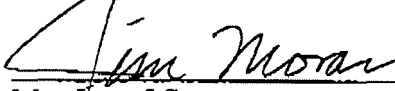

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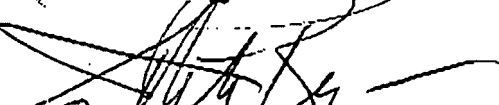

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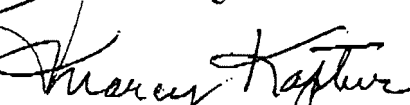

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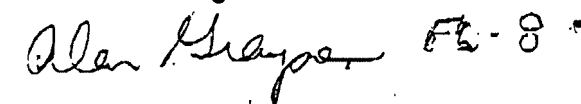

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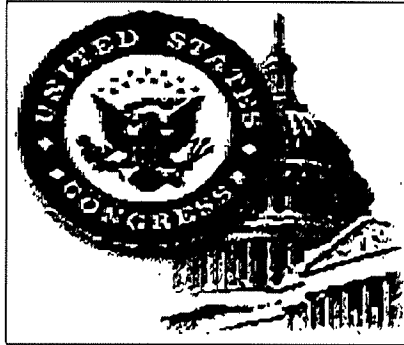
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June 11, 2010

The Honorable Corrine Brown
U.S. House of Representatives
2336 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Brown:

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The Honorable Danny K. Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
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June 11, 2010

The Honorable Alan Grayson
U.S. House of Representatives
1605 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Grayson:

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The Honorable Al Green
U.S. House of Representatives
236 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
U.S. House of Representatives
2186 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kaptur:

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The Honorable Barbara Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Gwen S. Moore
U.S. House of Representatives
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable James P. Moran
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Silvestre Reyes
U.S. House of Representatives
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